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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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PRIDE PARADE '90

The community of Southern Colorado, came together once again and won **"MOST BEAUTIFUL"** float in the Denver Pride Parade on June 24th, 1990. Over one hundred Southern Colorado supporters were in the Parade. We even had some of our own local talent on the news that evening.

The community of Southern Colorado would like to thank Rick Brown, David 'G. and Ed Sells for designing and coordinating the construction of the float. Joe Brady (Hide and Seek Complex) for the use of his truck for the float. Dan T. (The Exit Lounge) for his wonderful donation. C.G.R.A., P.P.G.C.C., P.P.M.C.C., Dignity with Friends, United Court, thank you for your donations and support. Thanks to all the people who personally donated money and/or helped construct the float, here in Colorado Springs and again in Denver.
(Editor's note; A picture of the float and ribbon was going to be in this issue of Gayspeak. Do to a personal family emergency I was unable to have the pictures ready by deadline. There will be pictures and a thank you card in the local bars and possibly a future issue of Gayspeak, after I return to Colorado Springs.)

DEAR COMMUNITY

JUNE 26,1990

Your special interest and participation helped to more than make our goal of $4000.00. This year we surpassed that goal and proceeded on to a all new high off $5028.60.

It was with warm kindness we received many items for auction from over thirty merchants. You opened your doors to us in very encouraging ways with your support. (YOU DID IT SOUTHERN COLORADO.) We sincerely thank you and everyone who helped us in making this a successful event.

To all those who performed and attented the shows, we are grateful for your loving support. A special thank you to our Denver people, for your extra effort and support.THE EXIT LOUNGE,TRUE COLORS LOUNGE,HOUR GLASS LOUNGE,HIDE AND SEEK COMPLEX,AND P.P.G.C.C. you helped to make this all happen.

You have entrusted us with these funds to be put to use for PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS. Rest assured that without any doubt this is exactly how your love offerings shall be utilized.

With all the new founded interest over this benefit we have decided to expand to a committee of seven persons from a variety of lifestyles who also have and share their interest in P.L.W.A. We closed the "89-90" benefit year,6 P.M. June 16. We opened the "90-91" benefit year at 10:30 P.M. June 16. Therefore; this next year will be an on going fund raiser. We shall keep you posted on upcoming new and different events.

God Bless You!

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P.L.W.A. BENEFIT

The Vice President Speaks

'Organizations.' Just recently a new organization opened in our (gay) community. I used the word 'opened' instead of 'formed' or 'started' because in the last year, I have come to realize

that these organizations in our community, are mini-business'. Each organization is competing for our time, money and dedication.

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is an organization. The Center is in its fourtenth year, as an organization for Lesbian and Gay men and women in Southern Colorado. The Center, as far as I know, has never turned anyone away from becoming a member. Whether he/she is Lesbian, Gay, Straight, or confused. The Center was 'opened' to be the umbrella of all organizations and support/social groups in Southern Colorado. By being the umbrella different groups could meet and let each other know what has happened in their group and what their upcoming events were. The Center took over the operation of the Helpline (471-4GAY) years ago to insure the outreach continued to our community. Another form of outreach is this newsletter (Gayspeak).

When I hear an organization singling out a certain part of our community as their sole reason to operate. I wonder if people realize that being 'gay' has already singled us out enough. We need to stick together, all of us, women and men. By seperating and taking your own space you are leaving some of your brothers and sisters behind. Its time to get off the soap box and realize we are in this together. No one is any better or worse than the other guy/girl.

The Center has showed its strength this year. We have come out of a low funds and membership year, to being the **largest** 'Gay organization' in Southern Colorado. This only comes from working together and sharing common goals.

We might need our own space once in a while, but how about all of us working on reaching that space together as a community.

Thank you,

David Eidson, Vice-President/P.P.G.C.C.

GROWING UP GAY

The Staff of the "Gayspeak" newsletter would like to thank Cate Terwilliger for the outstanding article in the Gazette Telegraph (July 8, 1990) under Lifestyle, (section F) social issues.

If you have not had a chance to read this article, please take the time and read it. We could all learn something from this article.

Yvonne

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"GAYSPEAK" NEWS FROM PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eleven members were received into the fellowship of Pikes Peak MCC on Sunday, July 8th. This brings the present memberships to over 55 members. Guest speaker for the service on July 8th was the Reverend Bonnie Daniel, former pastor of PPMCC, and presently Mid-Central District Coordinator, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Members of PPMCC participated in the Pride Parade held in Denver on June 24th.

Members of PPMCC plan to be in attendance for the production of **IL TRAVATORE,** at the Pikes Peak Center, on Tuesday, July 31st.

A trip to Elitch Gardens in August is being planned (date to be announced). Anyone from the community is invited to join with us for this outing. If interested, call 634-3771, and leave your name as being interested, and you will be contacted with all the details.

Worship is held each Sunday evening at 5pm. at the Unitarian Church, 730 North Tejon Street. The community is welcome! (Rev. Marion C. Harrison)

The Colorado Gay and Lesbian Task Force will hold its July monthly meeting in Colorado Springs. The meeting will be held Sunday July 15, 1990 at 11:00am. at Gaylord Hall in the Worner Center at Colorado College. Please come and meet some of the people you read about in the newspapers. Please call Pat Killen at 574-5865 for more info.

The United Court of the Rising Sun Empire

The United Court of Southern Colorado, is holding their annual 'PIE THROWING' contest on July 29th, 1990. At the Exit Lounge. This is a great way to show your talents at throwing pies and to make it that much more fun for every one, you can pick whose face you wish to throw it at.

Earlier that same day at the Exit Lounge we will be having a car wash to raise money for the Court's general fund. The car wash starts at 11:00am. and the pie throw starts at 3:00pm.

Please come out and show your support and have some fun while you are there.

On August 4th and 5th, the Court is having a yard sale at Empress 14, Lyda Rose's house. We are in need of any donations of items that we can sale. If you need help in transporting anything, please call me at 473-7794 and I will pick it up for you. Our monthly line and court meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on August 5th, at Lyda's house. Line members please bring some pop and chips to pass around. Thanks for your time, Hope to see you at the pie throw.

Emperor 14,
David Eidson
Coronation is October 13th, 1990. Mark your calenders.

WALKING TALL
A LESBIAN ORGANIZATION
P.O. BOX 2665
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80901

Walking Tall is a newly formed, volunteer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to providing needed services and support for the Lesbian community of Colorado Springs and surrounding areas. Walking Tall's mission is to assit Lesbians in developing positive self-image and lifestyles as well as to educate the community at large regarding issues of the Lesbian community. Lesbian pride is essential to our wellbeing as we strive for equality in a world that is not always supportive. We need to support each other to eliminate homophobia and create a positive environment of mutual respect and acceptance.

Walking Tall seeks to offer many services to the community. Presently a Peer Support Program is in exitence and plans are for more support groups and educational programs. One of the most important goals of Walking Tall is a "Lesbian Space" - an actual physical space where Lesbian events can take place and where Lesbians can meet experience growth opportunities. This "Lesbian Space" would serve as a focal point for the Lesbian community and a base for outreach into the community.

Walking Tall is the recipient of a $2000 grant from the chinook Fund. The chinook Fund supports Colorado organizations that actively work for social change. The fund's goal is to help people confront the underlying causes of social problems rather than to provide them with service. Walking Tall will use the Chinook grant to educate the Colorado Springs community regarding lesbian and gay issues and concerns.

Walking Tall needs your support. Membership is open to all Lesbian and women supportive of Lesbians. However, services will be offered to everyone, male,female, gay and non-gay. For more information, please call Pat Killen 574-5865.

DEMOCRATS NOMINATE HARVEY GANTT TO CHALLENGE HELMS

Washington, DC (June 6, 1990) Harvey Gantt, the former mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, has won the Democratic Senate nomination in North Carolina, defeating prosecutor Mike Easley 57 to 43 percent. Gantt received early financial support from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest lesbian and gay political organization in the country. He will face Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) in the November general election.

The 14 percent margin of Gantt's victory in the Democratic run-off election surprised many observers. "Harvey Gantt's strong lead defies the conventional wisdom that North Carolina Democrats would not nominate a progressive African-American candidate for the Senate," said HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley.

"Harvey Gantt is willing to fight for the basic civil rights of all Americans. We intend to do all we can to help him in the coming months," McFeeley said.
(Human Rights Campaign Fund)

NEWS IN BRIEF

The managing editor of the San Francisco Sentinel, a gay newspaper, lost

her job because she exposed a city school-district official as gay in an article.

Sentinel publisher Ray Chalker said the managing editor, Michele DeRanleau, did not consult him before publishing the article. Chalker said he is "totally against" the exposure of closeted gays by media. The practice, he said, could lead to "a sort of McCarthyism."

But DeRanleau said that "as an activist, I wanted to serve notice that the gay press... will no longer adhere to the code of silence when one of our own is harming us from behind closed doors." The official who opposed a counseling program for gay students.
(The Advocate June 19,1990)

AIDS IS A WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUE

IN THE U.S., ABOUT EIGHT PERCENT OF PEOPLE WITH AIDS ARE WOMEN. BY MID 1988, OVER 4400 WOMEN HAD GOTTEN AIDS; OVER HALF HAVE DIED. HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BORN INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS, OR HAVE GOTTEN IT FROM INFECTED BLOOD PRODUCTS RECEIVED BEFORE 1985. IN ADDITION, MANY WOMEN'S FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND LIVES HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY AFFECTED BY THE EPIDEMIC.
(San Francisco AIDS Foundation)

CRIMES UP AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS

GROUP SAYS TALLY JUST TIP OF ICEBERG

Washington- Ninety incidents of violence against homosexuals, including a homicide, occured in Colorado last year, according to a report released Thursday (June 7,1990) by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Nationwide, the task force tallied more than 7,000 acts of violence, vandalism and harassment against gays and lesbians in 40 states.

The data, based on questionaires sent to 650 gay activists and organizations nationwide, is considered just a "snapshot" of the problem, the report said.

The most serious inicident in Colorado involved two "skinheads" who allegedly abducted a gay man in Denver, shot him in the head and left his body inside his truck, which was set on fire, said Tony Ogden, who last year headed the anti-violence project of the Colorado Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The report also said there were 25 cases of physical assault against homosexuals in Colorado, 37 incidents of verbal harassment, 12 cases of police abuse, nine threats and six cases of vandalism.

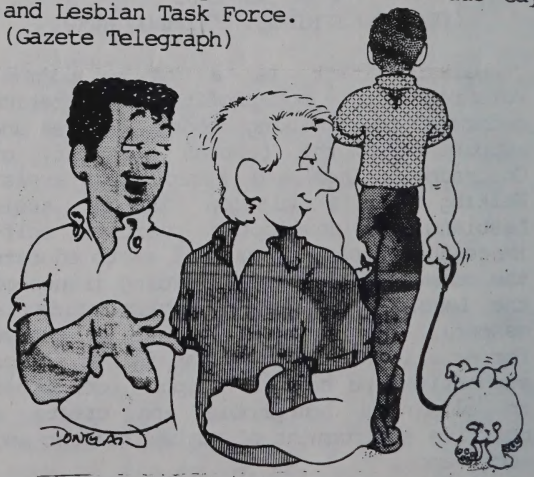
"This report shows we remain a community under siege, battling an epidemic of bigotry and violence," said Kevin Berrill, director of the task force's anti-violence project.

National and state gay leaders said the report probably greatly understates the number of incidents. Many victims who aren't openly gay "don't want to be exposed" by filing complaints with police, Ogden said.

He said the number of incidents in Colorado has been increasing over the last 18 months with the rise of the neo-Nazi skinhead movement and increased concern about AIDS. The growing visibility of the gay community nationwide also makes gays more vulnerable to attack, gay rights advocates said.

The national task force praised the enactment in April of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which requires the U.S. Justice Department to compile data on crimes based on sexual orientation, as well as race, religion or ethnicity.

But the group criticized Colorado and a dozen other states for excluding crimes of sexual orientation from coverage under local hate crime laws. A 1988 state law increased penalties for people convicted of crimes of "ethnic intimidation," but does not address acts motivated by the victim's sexual orientaion, said Arthur Powers, a lobbyist for the Colorado Gay and Lesbian Task Force.
(Gazete Telegraph)



STRAIGHT? OH, PLEASE. HIS DOG'S NAME IS GIRLFRIEND.
(The Advocate June 19,1990)

COLONEL ACCUSED OF SODOMY WILL FACE ARMY COURT-MARTIAL

By Genevieve Henderson
(Gazette Telegraph)

A Fort Carson colonel accused of sodomy, exposing himself in public and performing at a Colorado Springs gay bar will face a court-martial in September.

The decision in Col. Edward L. Modesto's case came Thursday, (July 5, 1990) after a May hearing and a month-long investigation to see if there was evidence for a court-martial. Post Commander Gen. Tom Jaco upheld the decision.

Modesto, 42, was charged in April with two counts of indecent exposure, nine counts of conduct unbecoming an officer, and several counts of possessing and using drugs.

One drug charge was dropped because it duplicated another, said Fort Carson spokesman Sgt. lstt Class Mike Howard.

Modesto declined comment when contacted Thursday at his home.

Fort Carson officials confirmed that Modesto has submitted his resignation. If it is accepted, the colonel would be discharged and there would be no court-martial.

If a court-martial is held, Modesto would be the first Fort Carson officer to go through such proceedings for homosexual acts in at least three years, and perhaps ever, according to Army records.

The investigation began in March, after another officer was arrested and accused of homosexual activity. That officer identified other military men he said were gay, authorities said. Two of those implicated pleaded guilty at their court-martials last month and received bad conduct discharges. Another was discharged in lieu of a May court-martial.

Modesto worked as a dental surgeon in Evans army Hospital clinic at Fort Carson. He was removed from that job pending the outcome of his case. He is now doing administrative duties at the post's headquarters.

According to court records, Modesto donned wigs and sequined gowns and performed as a drag queen named Carmen at the Hide and Seek Complex.

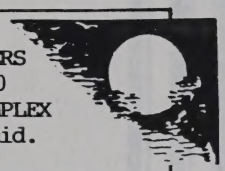
The charges against Modesto also say he posed in"lewd and licentious" positions in the nude, exposed himself in front of various Colorado Springs laundromats and had sex with other men, none of them military, Howard said. He also is accused of using cocaine and LSD.

If convicted on all counts, Modesto faces a maximum of 74 years in prison, plus dismissal from the Army, loss of pay and benefits and a fine, Howard said.

Modesto does not deny he is bisexual. But he has said the indecency charges are unfair. In interviews this spring, he said the Army was trying to humiliate him and make him an example.

After nearly 17 years in the military, Modesto was about two years from retirement when he was arrested.

(Editor's note; Ed has granted the "Gayspeak Newsletter" an interview. He would like to explain what happened behind the scenes prior to and after his arrest. However after talking with Ed, we have decided not to print any personal comments until after his final trial. David Eidson, Editor)



THE CENTERTAINERS
JULY 28th,1990
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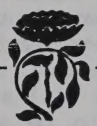
I would like to thank everyone, who showed their support and friendship by calling, sending cards and/or flowers during a great time of need as my sister went through a battle to stay alive, and then at 18yrs. old, passed away.

David Eidson



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		HIDE & SEEK		1550.00
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Two state legislators introduced a bill that would extend the legal benefits of marriage to gay couples and unmarried heterosexual couples.

The bill's chance of quick passage was said to be weak. Tim Drake, legislative director of Illinios Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said his group's goal is to obtain passage of the legislation by end of the decade.

The U.S. Navy dropped its demand that two openly gay students it discharged from its Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program repay their ROTC scholarships.

The students, Robert Bettiker and David Carney, were enrolled in an ROTC program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge. The Navy expelled them when they revealed their sexual orientation to ROTC officials.

Bettiker, an MIT student, had an ROTC scholarship worth $38,000. Carney, a student at Harvard Uniiversity who was taking ROTC courses at MIT, had a $50,000 ROTC scholarship.

The ROTC program trains students for military commissions. It excludes gay students because a federal policy prohibits openly gay people from enlisting in the military.

A state appeals court upheld a state policy that protects the confidentiality of HIV-antibody test results.

The state medical society had argued that physicians should have access to the test results. The information would allow doctors to identify HIV-positive patients and help them avoid exposing themselves to the virus when treating those patients, they argued. But state health officials claimed that breaching the confidentiality of the results would discourage people from taking HIV tests.

(The Advocate, June 19,1990)

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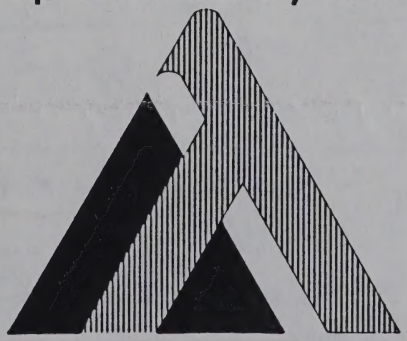

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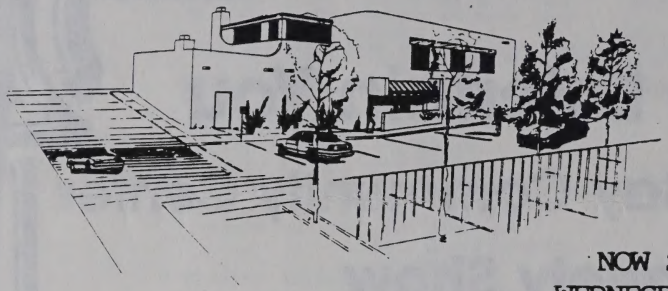

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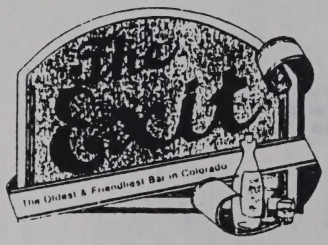

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